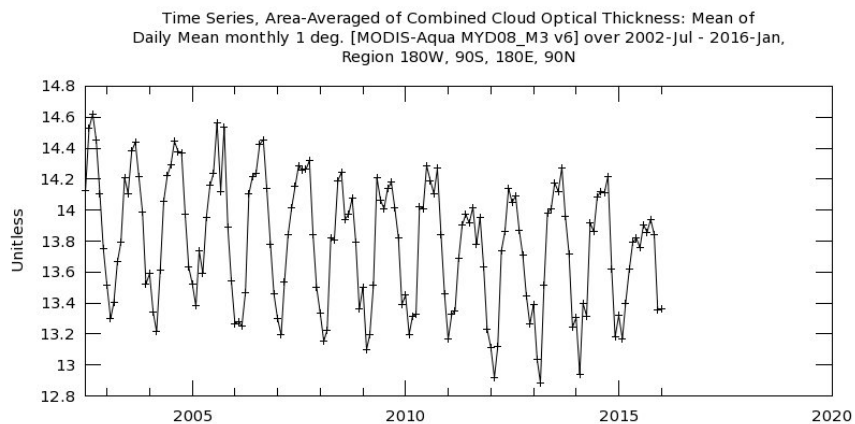
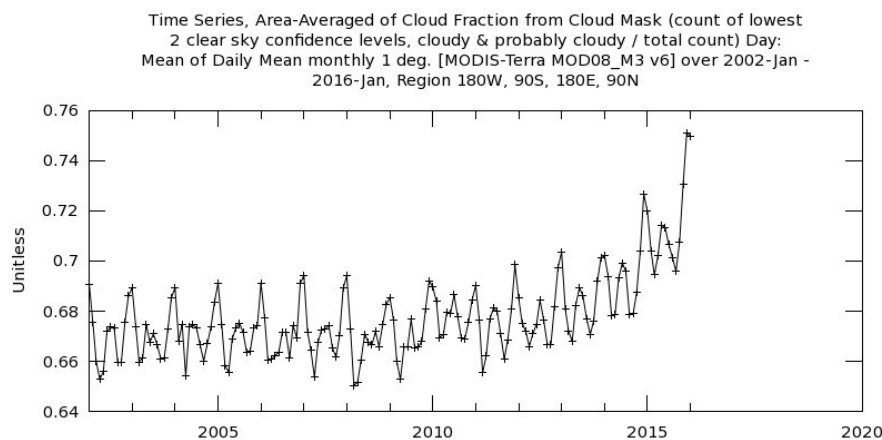


User Question: Interpretation of Plots

On retrieving the attached plots, I am at lost to interpret a couple of features,

In the "time series area averaged of cloud fraction from cloud mask" plot, obtained by MODIS-Terra, how is it to be interpreted the sharp increase from 2015 onwards? (it does not show up at all in the equivalent MODIS-Aqua plot).

In the "time series area averaged of combined cloud optical thickness" plot, obtained by MODIS-Aqua, how is it to be interpreted the very marked minima at every February solstice, which appears in the global plot as well as for either hemisphere ? (it does not show up at all in the equivalent MODIS-Terra plot).



- Selected date range was 2002-Jan - 2016-Jan. Title reflects the date range of the granules that went into making this result.